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American Spying

The death of Allen Dulles is a reminder of the hard fact that the government of the United States must engage in that activity described by the ugly word, "spying."

Officially, our agency for this purpose is designated as one seeking and acquiring "intelligence." But its personnel must nevertheless function through methods involving the eavesdropping and surveillance associated with fiction's cloak-and-dagger men.

This is so, manifestly, because other nations employ the same methods, and because certain information can be obtained only by spying. We must support our essential spies while disliking and fearing the agents of adversaries in the suspicious international arena.

Incidentally, Allen Dulles was an extremely able and valuable chief spy, or collector of "intelligence" which is hard to get.